

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Dale Madden at 8:37 a.m. Other board members present were Tom Welborn, Craig Walker, Nick Bridgeman, Jenny Arthur, Bob Graves, and Anna Toon.

Ex officio members present were Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry; David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering; and Tim Hester, Parks and Recreation.

Visiting today was Tracie Hellwinckel, Project Manager for Trees Knoxville.

Action Items for August

- August minutes were reviewed and approved.

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Kasey informed us that due to the lack of rain, the tree mortality rate is up a bit. Tree watering will go well into November this year.
- Urban Forestry has a backlog of about 120 work orders for various types of tree work. The backlog is due to the increase in calls this year.
- Kasey thanked the volunteers that helped with the ISA Conference activities, especially with the tree climbing event at Lakeshore Park.
- 500 planting sites are being marked for the upcoming tree planting season. Kasey has already visited McMinnville to select trees. Trees Knoxville will be planting about 20% of the new trees this year.
- Central Avenue project will be mowing forward when the planting season begins.
- Trees are already being put in on Magnolia Avenue up to Bertrand.
- Callahan Boulevard is a site selected for new pilot project. Kasey will be working with Horticulture to do some soil mitigation and tillage in part of the medians, and working with the current soil in another part of the median.
- KCDC trees have been picked out as well. 75 trees will be planted on Sanderson Avenue where a new senior development is going in.

Education Report & Arbor Day by Craig Walker and Anna Toon.

- Craig will follow up on the public meeting seminar. He has spoken with Sharon Jean-Phillipe. They will be working out a date in October. Sharon has also sent Craig a possible outline of the talk.
- There will be an Education meeting today.
- Anna met with Jennifer at Christenberry Elementary concerning the Arbor Day event. The title for this year will be "Trees are Terrific in Uptown North." Kasey will take care of invites, while Anna finalizes other details. Anna will bring a draft of the program to the next meeting. The tree will be planted in the courtyard.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- 8-8-19 to 8-11-19 provided volunteers for local committee at Arbor Fair, North Shore Park
- 8-9-19 to 8-11-19 Trees Knoxville Table at climbing competition at North Shore Park.
- 8-12-19 to 8-14-19 provided volunteers for local committee at ISA Annual International Conference and Trade Show at Knoxville Convention Center.
- 8-13-19 received proclamation recognizing Trees Knoxville's accomplishments from City of Knoxville at City Council meeting.

- 8-20-19 worked with Amanda McDonald (Senior Girl Scout) & David Dunn on locating trees for Gresham Middle School Arboretum.
- 8-21-19 held Volunteer Recognition Party at Bearden Beer Market - 53 volunteers attended.
- 8-26-19 received proclamation recognizing Trees Knoxville's accomplishments from Knox County at County Commission meeting.
- 8-29-19 Tree walk at Knoxville Botanical Garden & Arboretum lead by Joe Cope with City Urban Forestry Program. 21 participants.
- There will be a tree walk in Farragut in October.

Ex-Officio Reports:

- David McGinley informed us that the old Baptist Hospital site is nearly complete.
- Tim Hester reported that the esplanade at Lakeshore Park is nearly complete, however, he does not have a fixed date for tree plantings.
- Kasey reported that Mariah is wrapping up the canopy cover assessment. A report should be ready by the next Board meeting.

Other Business:

- Dale discussed visiting the State Nursery on the 16th, 17th, or 18th of October. Details will be finalized by next meeting.
- Dale reported that Earthadelic is looking at heading up a tree install and design project at the Muse.
- Dale said that he and Tom Welborn would be visiting a plant farm in Knox County next week, and asked if anyone would like to go with them.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.